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2004 City Crime Statistics Can Be Called a Mixed Bag

by James Giese

The City of Greenbelt experienced a rate of 70.6 crimes per 1,000 persons population in 2004, according to the recently released 2004 Uniform Crime Report published by the Maryland State Police Central Records Division. This amounted to 1,574 Class I crime offenses being reported as committed within the city by all agencies during the year. The total was down 6.9 percent for the year and the crime rate dropped 7.2 percent due to increased estimates for the city's population. All but 61 of the crimes were reported as having been handled by the Greenbelt Police Department and it is possible that some of the crimes reported as handled by other police jurisdictions might not actually have been within the city limits but rather within the postal area.

While total crime was down, the number of robberies committed was up by 33 percent, aggravated assaults by 17 percent and breakings and enterings by 6 percent. Larcenies and thefts – of which there are many more (834) – were down 16 percent

and motor vehicle thefts by 2 percent. Murders (3) and rapes (10) remained about the same as in 2003.

According to more detailed departmental statistics provided in the December 2004 Statistical Report, more than half of the crimes committed in Greenbelt in 2004 (56.7 percent) were in Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake, Beltway Plaza and Greenbelt Metro Station). More than half of the crimes in Greenbelt were larcenies and 26 percent of these were committed at the Beltway Plaza. Although separate statistics are not available, a substantial additional number took place at the Greenway Center shopping center. The Springhill Lake apartment complex, now being planned for removal and replacement, accounts for 46 percent of all the other crimes committed in the city although city population figures estimate that area's population to be only 26 percent of the city's total population.

Total crime has dropped in Greenbelt for the past three years, according to departmental information and continued to

drop during the first six months of 2005 (down 12 percent). However, the number of crimes against persons has been increasing for the past two years and continues to do so with robberies up 28 percent and aggravated assaults more than doubled in the first six months of 2005. Off-setting these increases are significant reductions this year in breakings and enterings (down 37 percent) and motor vehicle thefts (down 44 percent).

Craze Comments

In a semi-annual report on police statistics, Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze viewed the crime statistics as a "mixed bag." While he was pleased to see the reduction in stolen autos, he expressed disappointment that crimes against persons seem to be increasing at a rate greater than in years past.

Craze took note of the significant drop in stolen vehicles and gave special credit to the patrol division. "This trend is completely opposite to neighboring jurisdictions where auto theft is rampant and an ever-increasing situation," he reported. Craze said that the department had made several key arrests, including the arrest of one resident juvenile who boasted of having stolen an auto a day prior to his arrest. In a subsequent interview Craze noted that among some juveniles, stealing cars is an "in" thing to do. Craze also felt that although the automobile industry had been slow to include theft deterrent devices, many manufacturers are now doing more.

Craze called the rise in crimes against persons "troubling." However, he felt that the in-

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What Goes On

Friday, December 2 7 p.m., Festival of Lights Begins with Holiday Tree Lighting, Community Center Front Lawn
Saturday, December 3 8 to 11 a.m., Lions Pancake Breakfast, American Legion Post Home
10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Juried Art & Craft Fair, Community Center
Sunday, December 4 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Juried Art & Craft Fair, Community Center
1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center
Wednesday, December 7 7 p.m., Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, Inc., Annual Board of Directors Election, Youth Center

Mary S. B. Smith Granofsky Dies; News Review Editor

by Mary Lou Williamson

Mary Stockdale Battye Smith Granofsky, 88, died in her sleep at home on Wednesday, November 23, 2005. She was born in Huddersfield, England, but spent most of her life in the United States. She was the editor of this newspaper from 1967 to 1972.

After studying home economics in London and trying her hand at teaching, she decided to look elsewhere for a career. In the meantime the family was concerned about Hitler and feared that war was imminent. Opportunities, they thought, would be better in the U.S. The family sold their business interests, homes and property. Mary and her grandfather sailed from England on the S.S. Laconia in December 1938. Grandfather Battye's original idea was to buy a motor car and motor home and travel extensively around their adopted country to find a nice spot to live. Instead they quickly settled in Baltimore where cousins lived. Two members of the family had serious medical problems, leading to a strong association with Johns Hopkins University Hospital. Young Mary Battye was so impressed that she decided to enter nursing school there, studying from 1939 to 1942.

While at Hopkins she had exposure to the ophthalmology department which was then headed by Dr. Allen Woods, a world authority. During Mary's rotation through the eye department she had the opportunity to meet Frances Smith from Fort Worth, Texas, who was a patient of Dr. Woods. Frances Smith and Mary Battye got along so well that Frances invited her new friend down to visit with her in Fort



Worth. During her stay, she met the Smith family including the son J. Paul, Jr. It was love at first sight. They were married on March 21, 1942. The couple had four children, two boys and two girls.

But by 1957 the family had separated, with the husband returning to Texas. Mrs. Smith moved to 131 Northway bringing with her the two youngest children Robert and Kathy. Divorce came in 1966.

In 1963 Mary joined the News Review staff. She soon became assistant editor and then editor in 1967, a job she held for over five years. She continued on as assistant editor. During those years she met and married Charles Granofsky, a violinist with the popular Strolling Strings and a public school violin teacher. In the mid 70s they moved to New Carrollton.

After Mr. Granofsky's death in 1991 she moved into an apartment in Chevy Chase. She spent much time with her daughter Kathy and her children and grandchildren. When her daughter Liz was in her Annapolis

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Athletic Fields Lighting Seems Remote Prospect

by Natalie McGill

The Greenbelt City Council agreed at its worksession Monday, November 21 to put the lighting of McDonald Field and Schrom Hills Park baseball and softball fields on the capital projects list as unfunded projects.

The capital projects list is a cost-listing of improvement or construction projects budgeted or unbudgeted for completion in years to come. Field lighting at both McDonald Field and Schrom Hills Park was placed on an unfunded "wish list."

To light McDonald Field would cost \$134,000 and for Schrom Hills fields \$206,000. Mayor Judith Davis said costs of field maintenance are also factors because the fields are infested with Japanese beetles.

"Maybe this is just something that's too much to afford," Davis said. "It's a big chunk of change."

Members of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) who attended the meeting suggested alternative ways of funding the projects. PRAB Chairperson Lola J.P. Skolnik pitched the idea of starting a group such as "Friends of Ballfield Lighting," to come up with fundraising ideas. PRAB member Marc Siegel suggested getting a bond to pay for the lighting if enough community members favored the

idea. Davis reminded Siegel that if that did happen, the money would have to be paid back with interest.

Other PRAB members suggested using the \$2 million dollars allotted for recreational use in Greenbelt. Andrew Bronstein, a current Greenbelt Little League baseball coach and former player, conjectured about use of the money for the fields in order to extend the children's fun after it gets too dark outside.

Bronstein said, "\$134,000 of \$2 million is about 5 percent. Now how many people use Greenbelt recreational services? I'd say more than 5 percent of those kids use McDonald Field."

Because the \$2 million was intended for use to develop the city's Greenbelt West section, Davis said the only way the project can get underway is if additional funds are found or if money is cut from existing projects and organizations.

"It isn't like we have this \$2 million dollars and have extra change out here," Davis said. "That's at least two employees we'd have to say 'bye bye' to."

Objections

Not everyone was in favor of lighting the fields. Greenbelt resident Barbara Osborne spoke

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Festival of Lights Opens

The holiday tree lighting will open the Festival of Lights on Friday, December 2 at 7 p.m. on the Community Center front lawn, adjacent to the Community Center welcome sign. A 14-foot evergreen planted in 2002 will be lit. The Greenbelt Concert Band Brass Choir joined by the Greenbelt Elementary School 6th Grade Chorus and the St. Hugh's Choir will provide holiday music.

Other Events

On Saturday, December 3 a community pancake breakfast will be held from 8 until 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. There will be a juried art and craft fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center, continuing on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, December 4 there will also be two all-age workshops. Wreath making is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and New Year's decorations from 1 to 3 p.m. (Children under 10 must be supervised by an adult caregiver.) An Artful Afternoon in the Community Center will include another New Year's decorations workshop from 1 to 3 p.m., Songs for the Season featuring Sondra Holland on the piano at 2:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room and an Artists-in-residence Studio Open House from 1 to 5 p.m.

Farewell toMary Granofsky

Some 10 years ago a woman wandered down a short flight of stairs to the basement headquarters of the Greenbelt News Review. Timidly she approached the editor. She didn't like to write and she couldn't type – but she could spell. Did the News Review have any need of such a person?

As often happens, the editor and his assistants were busy handling one crisis involving city council and another involving GHI and another involving controversial letters to the editor. It was a typical Tuesday night and no one talked much to the new person or showed her anything to do so she wandered out again.

It was six months before she returned. A call had gone out urging anyone with an interest in community service to come to the News Review and the woman was spurred to come back. The people were again frenzied and desperate for help – another typical Tuesday night. This time, however, the editor taught her how to count letters for headlines and Mary Granofsky (formerly Smith) carved her niche in the News Review. For the next nine years she taught everyone who came down to work on the paper how to count letters for headlines.

A little over a year later Mary became assistant editor. “Everyone else was having babies,” she said. By this time also she was doing the make-up on Wednesday nights and often went down to the print shop on Thursday mornings to read the page proof.

In 1967 Mary became editor. It was a position she did not welcome but one she held for five and a half years, until the fall of 1972, when she again assumed the smaller responsibilities of assistant editor. Mary had not enjoyed the hassles of editorship, the responsibility of handling people whose letters to the editor contained outrageous but cherished beliefs or libelous material. But she was a master organizer and a crackerjack at dealing with what she describes as the “housekeeping chores,” seeing that the printer had all the necessary instructions for the next issue and that all the ads were in order. Few spelling errors or mistakes in sentence structure got by Mary's eagle eye and red pencil.

And Mary points with pride to some minor but momentous events which occurred during her stewardship. “The last time the News Review office was cleaned was when I became editor,” she boasted. “Also it was the second to last time that the ice box was cleaned and the furniture was moved around.” Nothing has been changed since.

Another memorable moment in Mary's editorship was “The Night of the Open House (in 1971) when the lights went out.”

However, Mary describes one of the biggest events in her life as the News Review lawsuit. The News Review fought a four-year and \$1,000,000 lawsuit filed against it by real estate developer Charles Bresler. The case went from the lower courts, which held for Bresler, to the Court of Appeals, which sustained the circuit court decision. But the paper was finally vindicated in the U.S. Supreme Court. The litigation took many staff hours and Mary Granofsky gave much of her time during those four years to proofreading the briefs filed in the courts. “I consider that I've done two really good things in my life,” Mary explained, “and they were raising good children and working on the News Review suit.”

Mary's love and dedication to the News Review were clearly evident over the decade of service. Of recent years, however, she had become discouraged by the criticism aimed at the paper. “We always bent over backwards to be fair,” she proclaimed, “but we were always being accused of being a monopoly or of not printing letters or of not printing what everyone said at a meeting.”

With her move to New Carrollton in recent weeks, Mary has resigned from the News Review. She knows she will miss the paper just as she already misses Greenbelt. In her new surroundings she cannot find a vinegar cruet at Ben Franklin, a crossword puzzle at the tobacco shop, go to the post office, the food store and the bank all in one stop – always while meeting people she knows.

“Greenbelt was the best place to raise children . . . and the News Review is the best thing for the town,” Mary observed. “I got to know how the town worked . . . I lived in Greenbelt for 16 years . . . it was tough to leave.”

It is tough for the News Review to say goodbye to Mary. We will miss her good work and her London accent. We will miss her.

– Sandra Lange, Thursday, September 6, 1973.



Celebrating the News Review's 60th anniversary are past and present editors. From left, back row – Dorothy Sucher, Harry Zubkoff, Russ Greenbaum, Barbara Likowski (asst. editor), Izzy Parker and Ellie Ritchie. Front row – Elaine Skolnik (president emeritus and news editor), Virginia Beauchamp, Mary Lou Williamson (current editor) and Mary Granofsky.

Letters

THANKS

The Christmas Bazaar Committee of St. Hugh's Catholic Church would like to thank all who joined in celebrating the return of a longtime tradition. The first bazaar in many years was a huge success in bringing the parish and community together. All enjoyed great fun, food and fellowship. So many came and we extend thanks to all.

Special thanks to Peggy Rooney, our local and favorite author, for doing a book signing and spending the day with us. Thanks also to Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department and to the crafters and vendors. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus who encouraged Santa to come for an early visit and many volunteers who so willingly gave of their time and talent.

Thank you to our area merchants – Chef Lou's Desserts, Curves of Greenbelt, Generous Joe's, Giant Food, Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Gwen Vaccaro and the staff of Pleasant Touch, Marie's Beauty Salon and Woods Florist.

Thank you Father Walter J. Tappe for your faith in the bazaar's success, which facilitated its beginning. We look forward to many more!

Barbara Ford, Chairperson
Christmas Bazaar Committee

Florida Greetings

I am in Lakeland, Fla., for the Thanksgiving holidays. My name is Leander Aulisio; I grew up in Greenbelt while living at 2-B Northway in a row house. My parents, who are still living, are Leo L. and Helen Lee Aulisio. Both are doing well and are in their 90s. I think it was the wild mushrooms they ate while living in Greenbelt that provided them with a long and healthy life.

My brother George and his wife Cindy live in Lakeland also. They have three children. My youngest brother Julius also lives in Lakeland. He and his wife Terri are raising three girls. My only sister Rosemarie and her husband of 31 years Robert Garcia live in Lakeland. They enjoy flying their small plane.

Best to all in Greenbelt.

Leander Aulisio

No Gypsy Moths

After an extensive survey done in Greenbelt, the State of Maryland Department of Agriculture reports that no aerial spraying for the gypsy moth caterpillars will be necessary for the spring of 2006. No egg masses were found.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC. 2

PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)

No frequent movie goers
coupons or passes.

Friday

*4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Saturday

*2:00, *4:45, 7:30, 9:55

Sunday

*2:00, *4:45, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

*4:45, 7:30

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Astronomical Society Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) will host a star party this Saturday, December 3 at Northway Fields. Members of the society will begin setting up to view a variety of celestial objects at approximately 5 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be canceled without further notice. Information about other events can be found on its website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>.



Corrections

In the Greenbelt's Business Section on page 3 last week the wrong street name was given for Community Radiology Associates. It is located on Greenway Center Drive, Suite 200.

In the article about programs at the Howard B. Owens Science Center in last week's issue, a wrong telephone number was provided. The correct number is 301-918-8750.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

“Poison Dust” Is Next Peace & Justice Film

On Sunday, December 11 “Poison Dust: A New Look at U.S. Radioactive Weapons,” the next film in the Peace and Justice Coalition Progressive Film Series will be shown at the Community Center at 5 p.m.

The film dramatizes objections to the occupation of Iraq and military methods from the Cold War period onward. “Poison Dust” begins with the story of three young National Guardsmen, veterans of a 2003 tour of duty in Iraq, who learn that uranium poisoning from U.S. weapons caused their mysterious ailments and those of thousands of other GIs and countless Iraqi citizens. Medical experts document how depleted uranium contamination spreads and activists discuss growing worldwide resistance and Pentagon cover-up efforts. Directed and edited by Sue Harris and the People’s Video Network with final edits by Michael J. Sudyn, Flying Dreams, the film is produced by the Depleted Uranium Education Project, 2005.

An audience discussion will follow. Greenbelt Access Television will videotape the event to be shown later on local cable TV. For more information visit www.justpeace-pgmd.org, email justpeacepg@earthlink.net or call 301-577-2350 or 301-474-1353.

Information Program On Kindergartens

On Tuesday, December 6 Greenbelt Nursery School will host a forum on kindergarten options available to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities. Representatives from public and private schools will present information on their programs and will be available for questions and discussion.

The forum will take place on December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 202 of the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. Parking is available in the lot behind the Greenbelt Public Library.

Participating schools include Berwyn Baptist School, College Park Nursery School and Kindergarten, Friends Community School, Greenbelt Elementary School, the Newport School and St. Hugh’s. The forum is open to all, free of charge. This is the fifth year in which Greenbelt Nursery School has sponsored a kindergarten information forum as a service to its members and to the broader community.

Greenbelt Nursery School is a not-for-profit parent cooperative in its 64th year of operation. For more information about the school, visit www.greenbelt.com/gnsk.

For more information about the kindergarten forum, call the school at 301-474-5570 or email gnsk@greenbelt.com.

Beaverdam Creek Watershed Meeting

The newly-forming Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group will host a Beaverdam Creek stakeholders meeting on Tuesday, December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Come learn about the Beaverdam Creek subwatershed and help build a subwatershed advocacy group. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Susan Barnett at 301-474-7465.

Community Events

Lions, Legion Hold Pancake Breakfast

The Greenbelt Lions Club in conjunction with American Legion Post #136 will hold its annual pancake breakfast on Saturday, December 3 from 8 to 11 am at the Greenbelt American Legion. The breakfast is part of the City of Greenbelt’s Festival of Lights and kicks off the holiday season. Santa will make an appearance! There will be pancakes, sausage and more to eat. There is a fee with reduced rates for tickets bought in advance and for children 6-12; those 5 and under are free.

The Greenbelt American Legion is located at 6900 Greenbelt Road across from Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050 or Lynda Varda at 301-474-8964 for advance sale tickets or more information.

Drug Plan Help Offered by GAIL

For those overwhelmed by the thought of having to choose a Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan, Greenbelt’s Assistance in Living (GAIL) program is offering help in making an informed decision. Those who have been to presentations, read articles and listened to friends and are still confused may benefit from a meeting with GAIL staff to help sort out their options for this important benefit.

GAIL is offering Greenbelt-resident seniors personalized Medicare Part D appointments through Friday, December 16. These free sessions are designed to help seniors and their families make informed decisions related to the senior’s specific medications and insurance coverage issues.

Appointments are offered on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 301-474-8000 ext. 2012 to schedule an appointment.

Greenbriar News

December 1 to 16: Holiday Toy Drive – Make a child’s holiday brighter this year by bringing a new or gently-used toy to the Greenbriar office. Help a child have a great Christmas.

December 11: Share cookies and juice with old St. Nick at 4 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room and enjoy face painting, a coloring contest and the chance to make a reindeer craft. The kids will take home a small bag of reindeer food to feed Santa’s mighty team. This event is free but pre-registration is required by December 5.

December 11: Enjoy carols and hot chocolate in the Greenbriar Terrace Room at 6 p.m. as residents celebrate the holidays with a grand tree-lighting ceremony. This is a free event for the entire family. Register by December 5.

There are no meetings scheduled for the month of December.

City Notes

Animal Control has five cats and a dog currently available for adoption. One dog was confiscated and there was one “running at large” call.

Public Works horticulture crews planted 500 pansies on Southway and continued pruning trees and shrubs on Hanover Parkway.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

Thanksgiving is a time for thanks and we are thankful for the abundance of food to share with family and friends. We’ll be very thankful when all the turkey is gone. Special thanks for our Golden Age Club and the members and friends who contribute to the club, trips and activities.

We wish Leney Holohan a speedy recovery from a fall and a broken bone in her hip. Cards would be enjoyed and should be sent to her home. We miss Leney and her home-baked goodies.

December 7 will be a business meeting and December 21 will be the holiday luncheon.

The Program Committee chair has asked members to suggest speakers and activities for next year.

Join in Invasive Plant Removal

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on nature preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants on Saturday, December 3 at 11 a.m. in the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This program repeats the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine and wear appropriate clothing, work gloves and bring a lunch/snack. This is a partnership between the Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. Greenbelt Park’s entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road.

For more information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944 or visit <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

Angels Dancing At Arts Center

“The Angels Were Dancing: A Celebration of Christmas” will be performed by the Duncan Dancers and guest artist Roberta Hoffman, director of Isadoras’s Legacy in Frederick, at the Greenbelt Arts Center on Saturday, December 3 at 2 and 8 p.m. The fee includes special discounts for seniors and children 10 and under.

For tickets visit <http://www.duncandancers.com> or contact the Duncan Dancers by phone at 410-262-2490 or email tickets@duncandancers.com.

At the Library

Tuesday, December 6, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, December 7, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, December 8, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Two Winter Concerts At Roosevelt High

The Winter Concert at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is scheduled for Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. The concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra, directed by Dr. David Yarborough and the Symphonic Band and Concert Band II, directed by Sally Wagner.

On December 14 the annual Concerto Concert will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Six talented ERHS musicians and vocalists will perform concertos with the Eleanor Roosevelt Chamber Orchestra. The featured performers are Michael Murchison on trombone, Erin Mellott on piccolo, vocalist Paulena Papagiannis, vocalist Andrew Exner, Santana Moreno on clarinet and Kynan Rilee on piano. A reception will follow the concert.

All concerts at ERHS are free and open to the public. Coffee will be sold to support Grad Night 2006.

GIVES Annual Holiday Meeting

by Virginia Beauchamp

GIVES, Greenbelt’s local organization of “neighbor helping neighbor” (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service), will hold its annual Christmas get-together, which is also a quarterly meeting, on Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m. in the Community Center. A short business meeting will be followed by a potluck luncheon. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

Membership in GIVES is free. To join one has only to be willing to participate by offering a service to someone else in exchange for a service one has received. A central record is kept in the GIVES office in the Senior Lounge of services rendered and received.

For example, someone may currently need leaf raking and would be willing to do some typing for someone else. Or someone may need a ride to a medical appointment which could be exchanged with telephone messaging on a regular basis with a shut-in member. Such exchanges may be arranged through the GIVES office at 301-507-6580. The office is staffed from 10 a.m. to noon on weekdays. Messages may be left at other times.

Two issues will be open for discussion at the business meeting on December 10 – possible changes in policies regarding the provision of transportation and respite service for caregivers.

GREENBELT MUSEUM



Festival of Lights

December 3 & 4

NEW LOCATION!

Community Meeting Room

Greenbelt Community Center

NEW GIFT SHOP ITEMS

Cat’s Meow

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Tickets: \$12 adults - \$10 seniors/students



SATURDAY, DEC 10 - 8:00 PM
AND
SUNDAY, DEC 11 - 2:00 PM

Obituaries

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homes in the summers, she too was able to spend a lot of time with her mother.

Mrs. Granofsky is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Munz of Annapolis and Florida, sons Judson and Robert of Texas and daughter Kathy and Jim Redel of Ashburn, Va.; 11 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in Leesburg, Va., on Saturday, November 26.

Our Neighbors

The News Review staff and many other Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former News Review editor Mary Smith Granofsky.

Greenbelters William Jones (Kris Kringle) and Keith Brown (Thomas Mara) will perform in "Miracle on 34th Street" at the Publick Playhouse on December 8, 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. and on December 10 and 11 at 2 p.m. For information call 301-277-1710.

When News Review staffer Lucie MacKinnon visited Jane Love, Jane was happy to have company. Cards and calls are also welcome. Jane's address is Crescent City Health Center, 4409 East-West Hwy, Riverdale. Her bedside phone number is 301-864-3258.

Thanks to Jose Parisi who has committed to a year of service with Volunteer Maryland, an AmeriCorps program of the Governor's Office. Currently attending Prince George's Community College, Parisi will serve with the City of Greenbelt to recruit volunteers to help with food delivery, a financial management program and personal assistance for seniors in Greenbelt. To learn more about service opportunities with the City of Greenbelt, call Parisi at 301-474-8000.

Letashia Lloyd, an accounting technician in the Finance Department, lost much in a fire at her home in Laurel. A collection is being taken by the city. For more information call 301-474-8000.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"O Son of Spirit! My first counsel is this: Possess a pure, kindly and radiant heart, that thine may be a sovereignty ancient, imperishable and everlasting."
—Baha'u'llah

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www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

Peace/Justice Group Holds Pilot Meeting

The Prince George's Peace & Justice Coalition (P&J) will hold a pilot meeting and workshop on Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m. at the Bladensburg Community Center, 4500 57th Avenue in Bladensburg.

Billed as a county-wide campaign to broaden the horizons of young people beyond those presented by military recruiters, veteran peace activist John Judge will outline alternative career and scholarship information that P&J advocates can carry to county youth most vulnerable to the reality of the "economic draft."

The goal is to spread knowledge of non-military alternatives to low-income minority young people and impair the ease with which military recruiters access high school students. While the intention is not to prevent young people who freely choose to explore military career options, the intent is to broaden their career horizons. Similar campaigns are underway in Virginia and other Maryland counties.

New Manager Named In Greenbelt East

D. H. Bader Management Services, Inc., located in Laurel, has announced the addition of Jackie Powers who has joined their firm as Community Association Manager. Powers will manage Greenwood Village, Greenbrook Village and Greenbrook Estates in Greenbelt. She has three years of experience in community association management and six years of experience in real estate. Powers' portfolio will include other properties in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.


Bader Management Services specializes in the management of homeowners associations, condominium associations and office condominiums. More information about the company can be found online at its website www.dhbader.com.

Steny Hoyer to Speak At NARFE Luncheon

NARFE Chapter 1122 will hold its Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m. at E.J.'s Landing Restaurant on U.S. 1 in College Park. Congressman Steny Hoyer will be the speaker. Reservations and payment by December 9 is a must.

Call 301-345-7437 for information and reservations.

Democratic Club Presents Check for Emergency Funds



Members of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club presented the City of Greenbelt with a check for \$135 for the city's Emergency Contributions Fund at the city council meeting on November 28. Pictured are (l. to r.): Councilmember Leta Mach, club member Julia Eichhorst, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Rodney Roberts and club members Bob Doyle and Sylvia Lewis.

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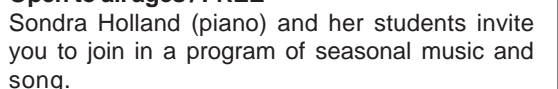


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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

November 18, 5:19 p.m., Edmonston Road and Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he noticed a vehicle following him, occupied by several men. One of the men exited the vehicle, produced a gun and demanded the victim's jacket. The victim fled the scene on foot and police were called. The suspects are described as a Latino male, 18 to 20 years of age, 5'9" to 5'10" with black hair, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans and a ski mask; an unknown male, 20 to 25 years of age, 5'9" to 5'10", 150 to 160 pounds, wearing blue sweatpants and a black ski mask; and two Latino males, one with long dark hair and the other with short dark hair. The suspects' vehicle is described as a red Honda Civic with a large exhaust pipe.

November 19, 10:16 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached by two young men, one armed with a handgun. A robbery was announced and one of the young men threw the victim to the ground while the other removed his wallet and kicked him several times. Both fled the scene on foot. The victim declined treatment for minor injuries. There is no significant description of the suspects.

November 20, 5:42 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached from behind by a young man who produced a handgun and announced a robbery. As the robbery was taking place, between five and 10 young men surrounded the victim to prevent his escape. After obtaining the victim's wallet, the young men fled the scene on foot. Each of these suspects is described as a black male, 15 to 20 years of age, wearing a black down-type jacket and mask.

DWI Arrests

November 19, 6:24 p.m.,

9300 block Kenilworth Avenue, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision with the investigation of a motor vehicle accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

November 19, 7:25 p.m., 39 court Ridge Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and leaving the scene of an accident as a result of the investigation of a hit and run accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Fraud

November 22, 9:04 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident woman was arrested and charged with uttering a forged prescription after she attempted to pass a forged prescription at the Co-op Pharmacy. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 21, 3:47 p.m., Beltway Plaza, two men suspected of shoplifting dropped several counterfeit \$20 bills as they fled the Gallo clothing store. Investigation revealed that the men had also left a counterfeit bill behind at Baskin Robbins in the mall earlier in the day when they were recognized as having passed a counterfeit bill the previous day. The men fled the area in a vehicle described as a gray Saturn with temporary Maryland tags. No significant description of the suspects has been provided.

November 22, in reference to a check fraud reported October 13 at the Marriott Hotel, an arrest warrant has been obtained charging a nonresident man with uttering.

Vandalism

November 21, 7:11 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, a resident youth was arrested for malicious destruction after he allegedly broke out an apartment window. He was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

November 22, 4:58 p.m., Schrom Hills Park, it was reported that unknown person(s) vandalized several park benches.

Burglaries

November 9, 5:16 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a man of no fixed address, was arrested and charged with burglary and theft. A resident reported that he had found the man inside his residence after he had been evicted. The man left the scene and a short time later the victim discovered some of his property missing. The man was located at Roosevelt Center and was found to be in possession of some of the stolen property. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

November 21, 9:18 p.m., unit block Crescent Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered an unlocked residence and removed money and a lock box.

November 23, 3:37 a.m., Beltway Plaza, a commercial burglary was reported.

Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were stolen: a tan 2001 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 456M267 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; and a white 2006 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 62R341 from the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

One vehicle stolen in March was recovered by the Metropolitan police with no arrests made. The tags on the vehicle at the time of theft, Maryland JAB084, were not recovered and are still considered stolen.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza (three incidents), 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 6100 block Springhill Terrace, Capitol Cadillac dealership (wheel covers removed from 43 vehicles) and the Greenbelt Youth Center.

“Recycling Right” Winners Recognized by Council

by Barbara Hopkins

On November 15 Greenbelt joined in the ninth national celebration of America Recycles Day. This day recognizes the importance of recycling and of buying and using recycled products.

As part of Greenbelt's celebration the Recycling and Environmental Advisory Committee (REAC) and the Public Works Department sponsored their annual "Recycle Right" contest in which REAC members and Public Works staff inspect the recycling bins in each of the city's four residential recycling routes and its one commercial route for compliance with recycling guidelines. REAC Chair Neal Barnett announced the winners at the November 28 meet-

ing of the Greenbelt City Council. Prizes include a personalized recycling bin and America Recycles T-shirts, drink containers and Frisbees.

Barnett explained to council that this year instead of continuing the time-consuming process used in past years of reviewing all of the bins set out along each route, winners were selected from among those recommended by the collection crews.

Winners of this year's contest were: Jeffrey Owens of Burkhart Court, Tom and Lynn Lubey of Greenhill Road, Irene Pavlish of Lastner Lane, Chris Hoerr of Vanity Fair Drive and Anne and Fred Hutchinson of Plateau Place.



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Cesar Morata and Chris Hoerr of Vanity Fair Drive were among Greenbelt citizens awarded a personalized recycling bin in the "Recycle Right" contest. Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Leta Mach, REAC Chair Neal Barnett, Councilmember Rodney Roberts and Cindy Murray from Public Works participated in the presentation.

Botanic Garden Holiday Show

This holiday season the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory's Garden Court will be transformed into a replica of the National Mall, a treasured national park. The holiday exhibit will run through January 8.

This miniature National Mall will feature model trains chugging past familiar Washington landmarks, just as real trains did during the mid-1800s. Many of the buildings will be lit from inside, creating a dazzling display.

Yule Party At Snow Hill

Spend an afternoon enjoying a very special holiday celebration on Saturday, December 10 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Snow Hill Manor, 13301 Laurel-Bowie Road, Laurel.

Carolers, a Victorian Santa and traditional decorations will recreate the spirit of the season. Light refreshments will be provided. This is a free activity open to the public.

For information call 301-725-6037, TTY 301-725-1472.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

Blood Donations Are Badly Needed Now

The Greater Chesapeake & Potomac (GC & P) Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross is issuing an urgent plea for immediate donations from people with Type O blood. Type O is the universal blood type and is also the blood type most commonly needed by local patients requiring transfusions.

Both local and national inventories of this critically-needed blood type have continued to drop in the days following the Thanksgiving holiday. Donors are needed immediately to ensure that patient needs can be met in the days to come. Appointments are available by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

As a special token of appreciation, the GC & P Region is offering participants a limited-edition "Authentic Lifesaver" T-shirt.

Further information about donating blood and a listing of all American Red Cross Blood Donor Centers and community blood drives are available at www.my-redcross.org.

Donors must be: in generally good health, at least 17 years of age (or in Maryland 16 years of age with parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds, not have received a tattoo within the past year and not been a whole blood donor within the past 56 days.

In addition to asking individual members of the community to donate blood, the American Red Cross strongly encourages businesses and community groups to schedule and organize blood drives. Any group interested in scheduling a drive or obtaining further information is asked to call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925.

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Toy Drive Kicks Off Holiday Season



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Top photo, Mayor Judith Davis rides in a classic Thunderbird in Beltway Plaza’s parade to kick off the holiday season. The Lions Club and Beltway Plaza merchants sponsor an annual toy drive. In its 14th year, the goal is to raise over \$20,000 worth of new toys to be distributed to needy families. Toys will be collected until Sunday, December 18 in the mall’s center court. Bottom photo, Eleanor Roosevelt High School Pom Poms entertain at the Beltway Plaza parade.

New Wits & Wagers Game At New Deal Trivia Night

by Mary Halbe

Starting December 5 from 6 to 9 p.m., the first Monday of every month will be Trivia Game Night at the New Deal Café. This free event for friends and families will feature prizes from local Greenbelt companies.

The New Deal Café and North Star Games are teaming up to sponsor Trivia Game Nights in the city. Games buffs will remember the local buzz when North Star previously introduced their Cluzzle game here. Now North Star will introduce its new game, Wits & Wagers, to Greenbelt players.

Trivia Game Night prizes will be awarded to several winning teams in a chance to unplug from the digital world and have fun interacting with friends, family members and neighbors from the Greenbelt community.

Wits & Wagers

Unlike trivia game nights found at many D.C. bars, customers at the New Deal Café will participate in a huge game of Wits & Wagers, the latest release from Greenbelt board game company North Star Games. The best part about Wits & Wagers is that a player can win the game without correctly answering a trivia question. This means the game will be fun even if there are no trivia buffs on a particular team.

In Wits & Wagers every team answers every question, so all teams are constantly involved. Teams will be asked to come up

with educated guesses to numerical questions, so players do not need to provide exact trivia facts. The teams’ answers will then be placed on a big green betting mat. Each team will wager points on the answer they think is closest to the correct answer. Teams that successfully bet on this winning answer will get paid out by the house. To make things more interesting, some answers will pay out at higher odds than others, depending on how different the answer is from that given by the other teams. Go to <http://www.northstargames.com> to get more information about the game.

The key to Wits & Wagers is partly in what the team knows and partly in how well a player knows the other team members. As the evening progresses, participants will get a better idea of which teams are good in the various subjects, which will sway opinions about what answers to bet on.

While the point of the evening is to have a good time with friends, there will also be a few prizes to heighten the fun and excitement, including gift certificates for the New Deal Café and copies of Wits & Wagers. Naturally Greenbelt’s North Star Games and its founder Dominic Crapuchettes hope local players will become a part of history as Wits & Wagers becomes the next blockbuster board game to sweep the nation.

Filipino Christmas Concert Offered

On Saturday, December 3 a free Christmas concert will be offered by Filipino-American chorale groups and a native string band at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is by voluntary donation; parking is free. The center is located at 3900 Harewood Rd., NE, Washington, D.C.

The Paskong Pinoy concert, sponsored by the Embassy of the Philippines, will include the Filipino Choir of St. Columba, Chosen Few, Buklod Kaibigan, El Shaddai Choir and the Northern Virginia Rondalla. Written explanations of the songs performed will be available for the audience.

Paskong Pinoy is the 22-day Filipino Christmas season celebration, lasting from mid-December through the first Sunday in January with the celebration of Tres Reyes, the Feast of the Three Kings.

Planetarium Presents Holiday Program

Something is wrong at the reindeer stable! Santa’s reindeer may be unable to fly on Christmas Eve. On Friday, December 9 at 7:30 p.m. the Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, presents “Rudolf Flu.” Come find out the lessons Santa’s dog Sirius learns from his friends in the sky. A tour of the current night sky will follow the presentation. There is a fee.

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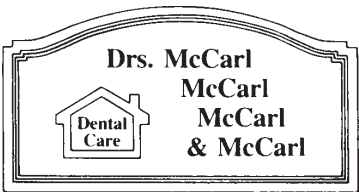


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Driving directions are available at <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/goddard/visitor/directions/index.html>. For questions or further details contact Natalie Simms in the Office of Public Affairs at 301-286-8955 or email natalie.l.simms@nasa.gov.

Advocates Needed

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More Labor Day Festival Contest Winners



David Naparella, age 8, demonstrates the style that won the Hula Hoop contest.



Many children and animals enjoyed the pet show.

With priorities given to harder news items, many of the highlights of this year’s Labor Day Festival have not yet made it to print. Here are a few facts and photos that seemed worth sharing even at this late date.

ADULT GAMES

- Softball Tournament
1st – Island Metal Works
2nd – Clyde’s
3rd – Cropp Metcalfe
- Home Run Derby
1st – Joel Birner
- Table Tennis
Singles:
1st – John Anderson
2nd – Sam Grammar
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John Anderson and Brian York

KIDS GAMES

- Diaper Derby, 6 mos. to 1 year
Moliva Jackson, Marishka Re, Sobhan Nejad
- Bucket Fill, 2 to 4 years
Chloe Crotts, Megan Rudy, Cyrus Felts, Kelli Price, Madison Rudy
- Foot Race, 2 to 4 years
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- Peanut Race, 2 to 4 years
Sofie Kujawski, Ezra Pitts, Viola Pitts, Binca Barnes
- Hula Hoop, 5 to 8 years
David Naparella
- Biggest Bubble
Corene Cantwell
- Water Balloon
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At right, Clark Reese, age 7, and Lee Reese of Greenbelt show “Peanut,” who won for “Biggest Dog.”

At left, Darius Butler, age 5, of College Park, and “Little” who won a ribbon for “softest and cuddliest.”

At right, Gavin Butler, age 2, of College Park, won Best in Show for his rabbit “Terri.”

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Evan Candey, age 5, and Caitlin Chasles, age 5, both of Greenbelt, assist Magic Mike in his show.




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